

AP English Language and Composition
2021 Summer Reading Assignment
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For AP English Language and Composition, you have TWO summer reading books:

1. ***Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah**
ISBN-13: 978-0399588198

[Upper School Community Read: see Upper School Summer Reading Assignment 2021 Handout]

2. ***The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Childhood Among Ghosts* by Maxine Hong Kingston**
ISBN-13: 978-1447275220

[AP Language and Composition only]

Although Kingston uses “memoir” as part of the title of her book, *The Woman Warrior* defies genre categorization. Please keep this in mind as you closely analyze the important ideas and writing techniques that Kingston employs to strategically manipulate her multiple audiences.

Most importantly, do not use outside sources, including sparknotes, etc. I am not interested in what people on the internet think but I am deeply interested in what you (plural) think.

Other Important Information:

You will need to purchase both books yourself.

You should carefully read and annotate *Born a Crime* and *The Woman Warrior* before the first day of class.

These books will serve as a crucial foundation for key ideas in the course and also provide us an opportunity to begin the year with meaningful discussions from our shared observations about our summer reading.